

INDIANA STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
INJURY PREVENTION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
Meeting of June 9, 2005

MINUTES

Present: Barbara Cole, Dawn Daniels, Anna Deahl, Charlene Graves, Jodi Hackworth, Matthew Howard, Heather McCabe, Jim Mowry, Donna Myers, Matthew Smith, Debbie Watson.

Self-introductions were done. Debbie Watson of Indiana Department of Homeland Security was welcomed as a replacement for Pam Bright from SEMA; she is sharing duties with Mike Garvey. The minutes of the March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as written.

Charlene Graves noted that the CDC injury prevention grant was submitted in January and thanked Council members for their many contributions to the grant and the draft Injury Prevention and Control State Plan required as part of that application. The Injuries in Indiana data report is in its final stages of review within ISDH. Sandra Beck is on maternity leave until July (taking care of her new baby boy). Charlene also updated the group on activities related to development of a state trauma system and the Indiana Suicide Prevention Coalition.

Matthew Smith provided a progress report on the projects that he is working on at ISDH through the CDC grant. The data tabulation required by CDC for the Violent Injury and Death supplemental data was completed. He presented 7 logo designs for the Indiana Injury and Violence Prevention Resource Center, with #2 being selected by the Council. This logo will be used on brochures and ISDH website information for the program. He also presented the design concept for the Resource Directory, which is in the final stages of layout. Council members suggested that a printed version would be useful in a 3-ring binder format so that it could be easily updated. The Resource Directory will also be available on CD-ROM as well as the Injuries in Indiana data report in that same format. Discussion was held on the proposed Injury Prevention Program brochure, with feedback provided for revisions. It was agreed that the target audience for this brochure is the general public. Matthew also reported that the general structure for a program website Message Board for reporting and sharing of regional/District injury prevention activities is developed, though not yet implemented.

Networking in southern Indiana was described by Matthew Howard of St. Mary's Hospital in Evansville. While there is no organized, coordinated effort for injury prevention south of Marion County, he has worked on developing a regional network in District 10 (12 counties). The concept involves having each county develop an injury prevention council to include representation from EMS, fire departments, hospitals, local health departments, etc., as part of an initiative to streamline injury prevention work.

Heather McCabe and Jody Hackworth described current programming of the Indiana Partnership to Prevent Violent Injury and Death. This includes a faith-based effort focused on firearm violence and suicide prevention using the train-the-trainer model (supported by a 2-year Clarian values grant). Thus far 6 Roundtable meetings have been accomplished with 54-100 people representing 33 denominations. A final conference is planned for late 2005 or early 2006. While this effort is based in Marion County, it could be expanded statewide. Jody announced National ASK Day on June 21<sup>st</sup> which promotes asking "Is there a gun where your child plays? How is it stored?" A tree planting is also planned that day at Broad Ripple High School.

Barbara Cole reported on Indiana Poison Center activities. A 2-year grant through Clarian is supporting Hispanic outreach in partnership with the Indiana Minority Health Coalition. Six focus groups will be held to obtain much needed information. She also stated that the Making the Right Call Program will be expanded into Hispanic populations in the second year. Jim Mowry added that the Poison Center may participate in a nationwide study of poisonings in the elderly.

Debbie Watson noted that Eric Dietz, the IDHS Director, is supportive of injury prevention programming. This may include website linkages between SAFE KIDS, the Fire Marshal's Office, and the ISDH Injury Prevention website. The Riskwatch Program will continue. She is also working with the safety educators in the 10 PHPER Districts for fire department-based injury prevention coordination. She noted that in a recent "blitz" it was found that 80% of smoke detectors were not working!

The injury surveillance database (real-time data) for Marion County is still under development, per Dawn Daniels. In partnership with the Think First Program, all third-grade IPS students from high-risk locales will receive injury prevention education through the use of volunteer nurses. There is a faith-based program to promote childhood car seats. She is also involved in a pilot program for injury prevention through Healthy Families.

Anna Deahl volunteered to send a website linkage on the Grandparents raising Grandkids program, offered through the Family Service Associations. She described some of the challenges relating to the new Medicare program to help seniors with medication costs.

The next Council meeting is scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup>, from 10 AM to Noon at ISDH. (Addendum: meeting was canceled).